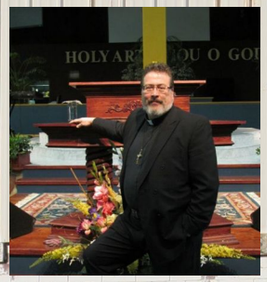

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I began to notice a shift in our society during the Bernie Sanders campaign. In the late winter of 2015, I joined the national Data Team. Working along with many other volunteers, we processed all the campaign data. I saw first hand the volumes of people identifying with Bernie's message.

This surge or reawakening was simply a thirty-year journey for Bernie. His message has been the same for over thirty years. Inside the root core of his message are the echoes of Karl Marx, Frederick Engels. Within the body of Bernie's message is a democratic socialism. So Bernie's true message lies at the feet of generations of philosophers working towards a perfect governing system.

Yet the more I study and reread classic literature, I honestly believe the answer is not in a governing body per se. I really think as Marx and Engels envisioned is a working-class movement rising up. The answer isn't a charismatic leader but a charismatic worker joining other workers. We hold our own dream within our grasp.

I encourage you to read this book with an open mind. Expand your knowledge by researching my references and links. Let yourself chew on these concepts and see if you are part of the rising up working class. The future is always ours. Yet is that future because we rose up against our oppressors. Or silently not responding the future is reversed. Don't let our oppressors keep us down! Rise up!

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